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Genesis 3

Lesson 20B The Curses Borne then Removed

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In our last lesson we covered the 7 curses God pronounced upon the world due to the fact that Adam disobeyed God's command. We learned how God's love and justice came together on Mount Calvary, to allow God to make a way for mankind to go to heaven. We learned how Jesus Christ took upon himself all the curses that God put on His creation. We learned how the Bible defines terms when there are no words in any language. We learned how the Earth was before the fall and after the fall.

In this lesson we will learn how the fall is reversed

UNTIL THE FALL IS REVERSED

Romans 8:22-23. *For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.* With the present state of things the whole creation is groaning, travailing, suffering, hurting, weeping, crying... until Jesus comes again. Every hospital bed, every sickness, funeral, injury, heartache, grief, sorrow, tear... every groan of the human spirit, every startled, frightened animal in the forest is a testimony that sin, the curse is still present. The whole creation of God is still suffering because of Adam's sin.

REVERSING THE FALL

What about the reversal of this fall? Romans 8: 21. *Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.* When Jesus comes back, He is going to fix things for His entire creation, man included.

The coming of the Lord will restore the physical earth to its condition in Eden. Acts 3:19-21 *Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; 20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things...* (Not just man, but every aspect of God's creation made right.) ... *which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.* The land is going to be fixed. The trees healed. The grasses will grow again as they once did, waters purified. The animal creation will be

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restored. Things will be just like the Garden of Eden when Jesus gets back. How can God just fix everything when He said everything was cursed? He took the curse upon Himself. He bought the souls of men at the cross. One day He is coming to take possession of what He purchased at Mount Calvary.

Let's take a glimpse into the future a little picture of that Millennial Kingdom. Isaiah 11:5-7. *And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. 6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: (Why?) for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.* A Great day is coming, it will be a whole lot different than now. No need for zoo's, cages or pens, be a Daniel take a nap with a lion. The Bible says in Ezekiel 34:24-31, they shall sleep in the woods and none shall make them afraid. There will be no worries of anything.

It will be a great day. I am looking forward to seeing what it is going to be like and just enjoy the blessings of God

Recap of lesson 20A & 20B

I. THE CURSES BORNE AND REMOVED

The Lord Jesus Christ is not only the Saviour of those individuals who put their faith and trust in His finished work but of the entire creation. Since God is a God of love and mercy He devised a means whereby the awful results of sin could be undone. Since God is a God of justice He could not simply lift the curses. The suffering of God manifest in the flesh can only be understood in light of Genesis chapter three. Were God to simply remove the curses He would be guilty of breaking His word. Were God to remove them, by taking them upon Himself, love and justice could meet together and undo the damage done in Eden.

II. PRIOR TO THE FALL (ROMANS 8:19-20A)

No death of any kind.

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III. AFTER THE FALL (ROMANS 8:20)

Creatures made subject to vanity. The animal creation suffers from the decreasing quality of soil and water due to man's violation of God's laws of conservation, their use by man for food and clothing, the necessity of their feeding upon one another because sin brought death, their function as sacrifices throughout the years of the old covenant.

IV. UNTIL THE FALL IS REVERSED

The whole creation groans, travails and longs for the return of Christ (Romans 8:19; 22-23).

V. REVERSING THE FALL

At His coming the Lord will restore the physical earth to its Edenic condition (Romans 8:21; Acts 3:19). All of man's attempts to save the earth, preserve endangered species, protect the environment and the like are attempts to cover his sin with fig leaves. There are two things man cannot do:

- Reverse the effects of the curse upon the earth.
- Satisfy his conscience by attempting to do so.

At Calvary the Lord redeemed His creation by taking its curses upon Himself. At His second coming He will take to Himself that which He purchased at the cross.

Just some interesting tidbits

There are many peculiar doctrines regarding the nature of the "forbidden fruit". The common depiction by unsaved artists is the apple. No one knows who first called the lump in the throat "Adam's Apple" but the term has taken permanent root in the language of man. It must be frustrating to infidels to have to use such terms. Romans 10:8 declares, The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth. A Bible rejecting world cannot escape Bible truth. This is not to say that Adam ate an apple but it is amazing that a man is justified or condemned by his words (Matthew 12:37) and less than one inch from the base of his tongue is a reminder of his first father Adam and the fall in the garden.

Others build an interesting case that the fruit was the grape. This has a bit more Biblical backing than the apple when one considers the verses regarding the vine tree. However, it is most dangerous to state as definite truth what the Bible does not definitely declare.

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The particular fruit is not named in scripture, as such would lead away from the essential nature of the sin. What ruined the first family and their descendants was not the fruit but their disobedience. By leaving the fruit unnamed we are not distracted from the key element of the account.

An even more remarkable teaching is that the forbidden fruit was adultery and that Eve had sexual relations with the serpent.

Before looking at the scriptural reasons given for this view by those who proclaim it, let us consider Romans 2:1 *Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.* Unknown to modern psychiatry is the Biblical teaching that man cannot keep from confessing his sins. While one may not admit to being guilty of particular crimes against God and man, what an individual continually decries in others indicates the dark spot in their own heart. So, we must be careful when dealing with teachers who continually dwell on certain sins in their preaching and teaching. Now, here is the logic behind the teaching that Eve committed adultery in the garden: *Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous* (1 John 3:12). *Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ* (2 Corinthians 11:1-3).

From these two passages it is argued that in the garden Eve lost her virginity and that Cain was begotten by *that wicked one*. This makes interesting speculation but will not bear up under examination. The clear statement of Genesis 4:1 is *And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.* This leaves no question regarding the physical father of Cain. In addition we have the Lord's rebuke of the Pharisees in John 8:44: *Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.* This certainly cannot mean that Satan was the biological father of all these men. While 1 John 3:12 indicates Cain was possessed by the Devil it cannot be made to teach that he was given in birth by the Devil.

Another interesting point of speculation is the apparent presence of Adam during the temptation of the woman. It must be understood that many Christians read into the Bible things they have not been taught. For example: Mary rode a donkey to Bethlehem, there were three wise men

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who came to worship Jesus at the manger, Paul was thrown from his horse on the Damascus road. None of these things are found in the Bible, but they have been taught for so long that people assume they are scriptural. In like manner, believers assume that Adam was not present when the serpent made his attack on the woman. This is not necessarily so. Look carefully at the latter portion of verse 6: *She took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.* If we take the Bible to mean exactly what it says the two of them were together.

In addition, there is a unique rendering of the pronouns in the English of the Authorized King James Version. Those pronouns which are singular begin with the letter T and those which are plural begin with the letter Y. Hence; thy, thou and thine are singular and ye, you, and your are plural. While the modern language translations claim to be easier to understand, they actually obscure truth by doing away with this distinction. With this in mind, read carefully the first five verses of Genesis 3 and notice that each time the serpent speaks he is addressing a plurality of listeners. While it is possible that Satan was merely referring to each of them but not actually addressing each of them, the wording of verses 6 and 7 seems to indicate Adam's presence.

Another principle found in this chapter, which runs throughout the Bible, is the matter of drawing and driving. We never read of the Lord forcing men to serve Him, dragging men to the cross or pressuring men to receive His offer of salvation. We read of the Spirit leading, drawing, etc. On the other hand, when one has rejected the word of the Lord we read of casting, driving, etc. In Genesis 3:24 the Bible declares *he drove out the man.* This also implies some resistance on the part of Adam, just as scripture teaches debating men at the White Throne Judgment.

It is easier to speculate on the animal that was slain to make coats of skins than to speculate on the type of fruit that was eaten. The first man to die was a keeper of sheep and his acceptable offering was the firstlings of his flock (Genesis 4:4). God promised to provide Himself a lamb for a sacrifice (Genesis 22:8). On Passover night, salvation was granted to all those under the blood of the lamb (Exodus 12:5-7). When Jesus was born in Bethlehem the angels told shepherds, *unto you is born this day...* (Luke 2:11). John the Baptist identified Christ as the *Lamb of God* (John 1:29) and He was crucified as a lamb before his shearers (Isaiah 53:7). In Revelation 5:6 John beheld the slain lamb in the midst of the throne. We have good reason to assume that lambs were slain in Eden, shedding their innocent blood that God might cover the results of man's sin.

Notes

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Name _____

All answers must have scripture back-up to receive full credit.

1. Explain Romans 8:19-20a?
2. Define the term "Adam's apple"?
3. What ruined Adam and Eve along with the whole creation?
4. Name 3 terms used in the Bible when there are no words to define?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
5. How do we know the fall is not reversed yet?
6. When will it be safe to sleep with lions?
7. Why cannot God just remove all the curses on creation?
8. Why will there be no need for zoo's when the Lord returns?
9. What are the 3 things that will be corrected at the second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

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10. How do the animals suffer due to the "fall"?
11. How can we prove that Satan is not the biological father of Cain?
12. In the Bible, what letter is used when the pronoun is singular?
13. In the Bible, what letter is used when the pronoun is plural?
14. Explain Ephesians 1:14.
15. Give scripture reference as to why the following three statements are not true.
 - a. Mary rode a donkey into Bethlehem.
 - b. There were three wise men at the manger.
 - c. Paul was not thrown from his horse on the road to Damascus.
16. What are the 2 things man cannot do to reverse the fall?
 - a.
 - b.

True/false

- Prior to the fall there was no death of any kind.
- Adam & Eve's sin was disobeying what God said.
- God promised that He would become the sacrificial Lamb.



Memory verses, write these out on the back of this page. (must be in KJV)
Romans 8:22-23; Genesis 22:8; Acts 3:21

Any questions?